

A SYNOPSIS OF  
THE CORUNNA CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 7, 2014

Present: Horton, Johnson, Rodriguez, Hess.

Absent: Sliwa, Bennett

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Merilee Lawson, City Planner/Assessor; Arnie Dunchock; Bob Morehouse; Doug Haskins; Frank Rodriguez; Jodi Green; Dennis Johnson; Gordon Pennington and Nicholas Pidek, SCRC; Jess Robison, Argus Press.

The meeting was called to order in council chambers in the lower level of the Community Center by Mayor Kerridge at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Johnson moved, Hess seconded, to approve the minutes of the 03-17-2014 regular council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Johnson, Rodriguez, Hess, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

Councilperson Bennett arrived at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to approve the agenda with the following changes and additions: Move #6 Consider Participation in Trail/Bike Map with SCRC and City of Owosso to #1, add #2A Consider Excusing Councilperson Sliwa from the April 7, 2014 Meeting Due to Spring Break, add #7 Consider Resignation of Thomas Flagg from the Corunna Historical Commission, add #8 Consider Resignation of Dawn Johnson from the Corunna Area Ambulance Board Due to Job Conflict, and add #9 Consider Appointment of Mayor Charles Kerridge to the Corunna Area Ambulance Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Hess, Horton, Johnson, Rodriguez.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to approve vendor disbursements from 03-14-2014 through 03-27-2014 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Hess, Horton, Johnson, Rodriguez.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: Arnold Dunchock, 223/225 N. Shiawassee, discussed Gene Sanderson's dismissal. Jodi Green, 106 St. Mary St., discussed her sewer bill. Doug Haskins, 415 W. Mack St., discussed Gene Sanderson's dismissal.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

PARTICIPATION IN TRAIL/BIKE MAP WITH SHIAWASSEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION (SCRC) AND THE CITY OF OWOSSO: Gordon Pennington and Nicholas Pidek, representatives from the SCRC, presented the Rails to Trails areas that are being developed. The goal is to get a trail system completed this summer through Clinton, Ionia and Shiawassee (CIS) Counties.

Corunna was being asked to be a partner by contributing \$1,600 to the project. Bennett moved, Johnson seconded, to get involved with the CIS trail project, as presented, with an expenditure of \$1,600.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hess, Horton, Johnson, Bennett, Rodriguez.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

EXCUSE COUNCILPERSON SLIWA FROM THE APRIL 7, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO SPRING BREAK: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to excuse Councilperson Sliwa from the April 7, 2014 council meeting due to spring break.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Johnson, Horton, Rodriguez, Hess

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER DISMISSAL OF GENE SANDERSON FROM THE CORUNNA AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD: Bennett stated that he would fight for anyone's right to voice his opinion on city issues. But, when you serve on the Ambulance Board, you stick to the issues about the ambulance service and not use it to spew his dislike of the city manager, council or the mayor. That takes away from the resident's representation on that board. Rodriguez stated that she was concerned that Sanderson was not notified and was not here to defend himself. Horton stated that she heard Sanderson say that he hoped the city manager never came back to another meeting and that Sanderson also stated that he did not want the mayor on the board. Bennett stated that his information about Sanderson came from someone other than Sawyer, Kerridge or Horton. Rodriguez asked if Sanderson would be notified by letter, and she was told yes. Sawyer stated that with Johnson leaving the board due to a work conflict, there is a vacancy that needs to be filled by an elected official. The only official who can attend a 9 a.m. meeting is the mayor. Kerridge stated that Sanderson told him, "If you don't have a person on that council that can make this meeting, you need to get rid of the council". Kerridge stated that the board was asked if they would move the time of the meeting and they voted no. Bennett moved, Horton seconded, to remove Gene Sanderson from the Corunna Area Ambulance Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Rodriguez, Horton, Johnson, Hess, Bennett.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SHERYL FRAZIER TO THE CORUNNA AREA AMBULANCE BOARD: Johnson moved, Rodriguez seconded, to appoint Sheryl Frazier to the Corunna Area Ambulance Board, to serve at the pleasure of council.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hess, Horton, Rodriguez, Bennett, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORK SESSION DATES: Johnson moved, Horton seconded, to approve the dates for the budget work sessions and the alternate dates.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Johnson, Rodriguez, Hess, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #04072014-01, ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECEIVING BOARD FOR ELECTIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF CORUNNA: Bennett moved, Rodriguez seconded, to approve Resolution #04072014-01, Establishment of a Receiving Board for Elections held in the City of Corunna.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Rodriguez, Horton, Johnson, Hess.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER REVIZE WEBSITE PROPOSAL: Sawyer stated that the city's current website is nine years old and technology has changed so much that it is almost impossible to manage now. He found a company that is user friendly and has a responsive website design. They are offering a site for \$2,000 startup and \$900 a year. Johnson moved, Rodriguez seconded, to approve the Revize website proposal sales agreement for \$2,900.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Rodriguez, Horton, Bennett, Sliwa, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF THOMAS FLAGG FROM THE CORUNNA HISTORICAL COMMISSION: Bennett moved, Horton seconded, to accept the resignation of Thomas Flagg from the Corunna Historical Commission, with regrets.

Roll Call:

Yes: Horton, Johnson, Rodriguez, Hess, Bennett

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF DAWN JOHNSON FROM CORUNNA AREA AMBULANCE BOARD: Johnson moved, Rodriguez seconded, to accept the resignation of Dawn Johnson from the Corunna Area Ambulance Board due to job conflict. Bennett added with regrets.

Roll Call:

Yes: Johnson, Hess, Rodriguez, Bennett, Horton.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR CHARLES KERRIDGE TO THE CORUNNA AREA AMBULANCE BOARD: Bennett moved, Rodriguez seconded, to approve the appointment of Mayor Charles Kerridge to the Corunna Area Ambulance Board.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rodriguez, Hess, Horton, Bennett, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: Bob Morehouse, Converse St., stated that he felt that the school crossing guard in Corunna is doing a fine job. Doug Haskings thanked council for explaining about the Sanderson situation.

ADJOURN: Bennett moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bennett, Hess, Horton, Johnson, Rodriguez.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED. Time was 8:40 p.m.

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Charles Kerridge, Mayor

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Nichole Cowdrey, City Clerk

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